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Organization of the work of the Third Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee are listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee (A/C.3/60/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (see A/60/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (see A/60/250), relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly on the rationalization of its work and that of the Third Committee and the availability of documentation, as well as past experience in the utilization of conference services.

Question time and interactive dialogues and debates

3. In accordance with the established practice of the Committee and pursuant to paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, immediately following the introduction of reports by executive heads and senior members of the Secretariat at the beginning of each debate, interactive debates and question time will be held with heads of departments and offices, representatives of the Secretary-General and special rapporteurs as part of the formal proceedings. Delegations are invited to participate actively in these dialogues with questions and comments in an unscripted format. They are requested to withhold their prepared statements for the Committee's general discussions immediately following the dialogues.

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Statements

4. In accordance with the established practice of the Committee, statements made during the general discussion under each agenda will be limited to 7 minutes, and to 15 minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of delegations. Statements of Secretariat officials will be limited to 7 minutes, with the exception of oral reports.

5. Under agenda item 71 of the agenda, "Human rights questions", delegations may make one statement under sub-item (a) and one statement under sub-item (d), which are to be discussed sequentially. Delegations may make up to two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), which are to be considered jointly; however, two statements cannot be made under the same sub-item.[1]

6. Under agenda items 69, "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination", and 70, "Right of peoples to self-determination", which are to be discussed jointly, delegations may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.[1]

7. In accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for the consideration of the relevant agenda item on that day, or at the conclusion of the consideration of the item, if that is sooner. The first statement should be limited to 5 minutes and the second, if any, to 3 minutes.

List of documents

8. Attention is drawn to the documents submitted under each of the agenda items allocated to the Third Committee (see annex).

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

9. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The General Assembly has reminded delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance for ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement that at least one quarter of the members of the Committee must be present to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

10. In paragraph 4 (c) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Assembly decided that the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary meeting. Subsequently it was clarified that, in implementing that decision, the relevant parts of chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council that are under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the General Assembly (see A/59/250/Add.1 and A/C.3/59/1/Add.2).

[1] See General Assembly decision 58/542.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

11. Bearing in mind the number of meetings allocated to the Third Committee, a proposed target date of 23 November has been set for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Third Committee

Programme	*Documentation*
Week of 3-7 October	
Monday, 3 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 61. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/60/80)
Item 62. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family	Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to and celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond (A/60/155)
	Report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development (A/60/138)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/60/290)
	Report of the Secretary-General on a global analysis and evaluation of national action plans on youth employment (A/60/133)
	Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the International Year of Volunteers (A/60/128)
	Report on the World Social Situation, 2005 (A/60/117)
	Report of the Secretary-General on making commitments matter: young people's inputs to the 10-year review of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (A/60/156)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the World Youth Report 2005 (including an evaluation of the implementation since 1995 of the priority areas of youth identified in the World Programme of Action) (A/60/61-E/2005/7)

Programme	*Documentation*
Item 63. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/60/151)
1 p.m.	
Closure of the list of speakers on items 61, 62 and 63	
Tuesday, 4 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 61, 62 and 63	
General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 5 October	
10 a.m.	
Items 61, 62 and 63	
General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 61, 62 and 63	
3 p.m.	
No meeting	
Thursday, 6 October	
No meeting	
Friday, 7 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 106. Crime prevention and criminal justice	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in preventing and combating terrorism (A/60/164)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/60/172)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/60/123)
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (A/60/131)
Item 107. International drug control	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation against the world drug problem (A/60/130)
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on items 106 and 107	
Week of 10-14 October	
Monday, 10 October	
10 a.m.	
Items 106 and 107	
General discussion (continued)	
3 p.m.	
Items 106 and 107	
General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 106 and 107	
Tuesday, 11 October	
10 a.m.	
Informal interactive debate on "women's issues"	

Programme	*Documentation*
3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 64. Advancement of women	Report of the Secretary-General on the in-depth study on all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (also under item 65) (A/60/211 and Add.1)
	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/60/___)
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, thirty-second and thirty-third sessions (Suppl. No. 38, parts I and II combined (A/60/38))
	Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (A/60/137)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/60/206)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (A/60/165)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/60/___)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women for 2004 (also under item 57) (A/60/274)
Item 65. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (A/60/170)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the in-depth study on all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (also under item 64) (A/60/211)

6 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on items 64 and 65

Wednesday, 12 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 64 and 65

General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 13 October

10 a.m.

Items 64 and 65

General discussion (continued)

3 p.m.

Action on draft proposals followed by

Items 64 and 65. General discussion (concluded)

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of proposals on items 64 and 65

Friday, 14 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:

Programme	*Documentation*
Item 67. Promotion and protection of the rights of children	Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the document entitled "A world fit for children" (A/60/207) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (A/60/175 and Corr.1) Report of the independent expert for the United Nations study on violence against children (A/60/___) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for children and armed conflict (A/60/335)
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on item 67	
Week of 17-21 October	
Monday, 17 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 67	
General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 18 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 67	
General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 67	
3 p.m.	
No meeting	

Programme	*Documentation*
5 p.m.	
Deadline for final submission of revised proposals under items 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 106 and 107	
Wednesday, 19 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 68. Indigenous issues	Report of the Secretary-General on the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (A/60/270 and Add.1) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (A/60/___)
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on item 68	
Thursday, 20 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 68 (concluded)	
1 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of proposals on item 68	
3 p.m.	
Action on proposals	
Friday, 21 October	
10 a.m.	
Indicative deadline for action on proposals under items 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 106 and 107	

Programme	*Documentation*
3 p.m.	
No meeting	
Week of 24-28 October	
Monday, 24 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 71. Human rights questions	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/60/220)
	Report of the Human Rights Committee (Suppl. No. 40, Vols. I and II) (A/60/40))
	Report of the Secretary-General on the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/60/___)
	Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Suppl. No. 48 (A/60/48))
	Report of the Secretary-General on equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies (A/60/___)
	Report of the Committee against Torture (Suppl. No. 44 (A/60/44))
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/60/221)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the independent expert on technical cooperation and advisory services in Burundi (A/60/___)

Programme	*Documentation*
Item 71 (a). Implementation of human rights instruments	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights and the Optional Protocols (A/60/284) Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/60/215) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (A/60/273) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies (A/60/351) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (A/60/316)
followed by:	
Item 71 (d). Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	(No documentation)
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers for items 71 (a) and (d)	
3 p.m.	
Item 71 (a)	
Item 71 (d)	
General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 71 (a) and (d)	

Programme	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 25 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 71 (b). Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (A/60/___) **Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/60/299)** **Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (A/60/325)** **Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (A/60/348)** **Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons (A/60/338)** **Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (A/60/340)** **Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (A/60/333)** **Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of persons with disabilities (A/60/___)** **Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (A/60___)** Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food (A/60/350) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/60/305)

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	Report of the Secretary-General on the subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (A/60/353)
	Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/60/301 and Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/60/286)
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (A/60/134)
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (A/60/326)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (A/60/272)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/60/374)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the independent expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights (A/60/___)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission of Human Rights on the human rights of migrants (A/60/357)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities on its sixth session (A/60/266)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders (A/60/339)

Programme	*Documentation*
Item 71 (c). Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives	Report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/60/___)
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation and the activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, including technical cooperation in Nepal (A/60/359)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Turkmenistan (A/60/367)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/60/___)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967 (A/60/271)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/60/306)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (A/60/321)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (A/60/356)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people (A/60/358)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the promotion and protection of freedoms while countering terrorism (A/60/370)

Programme	*Documentation*
Item 71 (e). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Suppl. No. 36 (A/60/36))
Dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on assistance to Sierra Leone in the field of human rights (A/60/349)
Interactive dialogue	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/60/___)
General discussion	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation in Afghanistan and on technical assistance in the field of human rights (A/60/343)
	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on addressing the issue of Palestinian pregnant women giving birth at Israeli checkpoints owing to denial of access by Israel to hospitals, with a view to ending this inhuman Israeli practice (A/60/324)
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers for items 71 (b), (c) and (e)	
3 p.m.	
Informal interactive debate on human rights issues	
Wednesday, 26 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 71 (b), (c) and (e)	
Dialogue with special rapporteurs/special representatives/independent experts	
Thursday, 27 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	

Programme	*Documentation*
Items 71 (b), (c) and (e) Dialogue with special rapporteurs/special representatives/ independent experts *Friday, 28 October* 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Items 71 (b), (c) and (e)** Dialogue with special rapporteurs/special representatives/ independent experts **Week of 31 October-4 November** *Monday, 31 October* 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Items 71 (b), (c) and (e)** General discussion (continued) *Tuesday, 1 November* 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Items 71 (b), (c) and (e)** General discussion (continued) *Wednesday, 2 November* 10 a.m. **Items 71 (b), (c) and (e)** General discussion (continued) 3 p.m.	

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Items 71 (b), (c) and (e)	
General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 71 (b), (c) and (e)	
Thursday, 3 November	
10 a.m.	
No meeting	
3 p.m.	
Action on proposals	
Friday, 4 November	
United Nations holiday (Eid Al-Fitr)	
Week of 7-11 November	
Monday, 7 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 69. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination	Report of the Secretary-General on global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/60/___) Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/60/___) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Suppl. No. 18 (A/60/18))

Programme	*Documentation*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/60/___)
Item 70. Right of peoples to self-determination	Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/60/___)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/60/___)
1 p.m.	
Closure of the list of speakers on items 69 and 70	
Tuesday, 8 November	
10 a.m.	
Items 69 and 70	
General discussion (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
No meeting	
1 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 69 and 70	
Wednesday, 9 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	

Programme	*Documentation*
Item 39. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (A/60/276) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (A/60/300) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Suppl. No. 12A (A/60/12)) Report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Suppl. No. 12A (A/60/12/Add.1)) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (A/60/293)
1 p.m. Closure of list of speakers on item 39	
Thursday, 10 November 10 a.m. **Item 39** General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 39	
3 p.m. Action on proposals	
Friday, 11 November 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Item 116. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly	

Programme	*Documentation*
Week of 14-18 November	
Monday, 14 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on proposals	
Tuesday, 15 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on proposals	
Wednesday, 16 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on proposals	
Thursday, 17 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on proposals	
Friday, 18 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on proposals	
Week of 21-25 November	
Monday, 21 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on proposals	
Tuesday, 22 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on proposals	

Programme	*Documentation*
Wednesday, 23 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Action on outstanding proposals and provisional programme of work for the next session	
Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee	